Amendments to the Claims

Kindly cancel claims 28, 33, 40 and 47, without prejudice, and amend claims 16, 34, and 41, as set forth below. In compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003, a complete listing of claims is provided herein. The changes in the amended claims are shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) and underlining (for added matter).

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling card holder verification, said method comprising:

checking the presence of a trusted association between at least one device and a card usable with the at least one device; ~~and~~

suppressing, in response to the presence of the trusted association, involvement of a holder of the card in performing card holder verification; and

performing, in response to the checking indicating no trusted association, card holder verification which comprises card holder intervention.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the at least one device is located in a trusted environment.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the card comprises a chipcard.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the suppressing involvement comprises performing card holder verification hidden from the holder of the card.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the performing card holder verification comprises automatically obtaining a personal identification number of the

holder of the card and verifying the personal identification number without intervention of the holder of the card.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the suppressing involvement comprises refraining from performing card holder verification.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the checking the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises comparing a card identifier stored on the card with one or more card identifiers stored in the device.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the card identifier is associated with a personal identification number usable in card holder verification, and said method further comprises replacing the personal identification number with another personal identification number.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the card identifier is associated with a personal identification number usable in card holder verification, and said method further comprises erasing the association between the card identifier and the personal identification number.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the checking the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises comparing an identifier of the device with one or more device identifiers stored on the card.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the device identifier is associated with a personal identification number usable in card holder verification, and said method further comprises replacing the personal identification number with another personal identification number.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the device identifier is associated with a personal identification number usable in card holder verification, and

said method further comprises erasing the association between the device identifier and the personal identification number.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising associating the at least one device and the card.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising controlling the association between a device of the at least one device and the card.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the controlling comprises using a network connectable to the device.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the checking is between at least one device and a plurality of cards, and wherein the suppressing is for a plurality of holders.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A system of controlling card holder verification, said system comprising:

means for checking the presence of a trusted association between at least one device and a card usable with the at least one device; ~~and~~

means for suppressing, in response to the presence of the trusted association, involvement of a holder of the card in performing card holder verification; and

means for performing, in response to the checking indicating no trusted association, card holder verification which comprises card holder intervention.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the means for suppressing involvement comprises means for performing card holder verification hidden from the holder of the card.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the means for performing card holder verification comprises means for automatically obtaining a personal identification number of the holder of the card and verifying the personal identification number without intervention of the holder of the card.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the means for suppressing involvement comprises refraining from performing card holder verification.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the means for checking the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises means for comparing a card identifier stored on the card with one or more card identifiers stored in the device.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the means for checking the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises means for comparing an identifier of the device with one or more device identifiers stored on the card.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

at least one computer usable medium having computer readable program code logic to control card holder verification, the computer readable program code logic comprising:

check logic to check the presence of a trusted association between at least one device and a card usable with the at least one device; ~~and~~

suppress logic to suppress, in response to the presence of the trusted association, involvement of a holder of the card in performing card holder verification; and

perform logic to perform, in response to the check logic indicating no trusted association, card holder verification which comprises card holder intervention.

42. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 41, wherein the suppress logic to suppress involvement comprises perform logic to perform card holder verification hidden from the holder of the card.

43. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 42, wherein the perform logic comprises obtain logic to automatically obtain a personal identification number of the holder of the card and verify logic to verify the personal identification number without intervention of the holder of the card.

44. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 41, wherein the suppress logic to suppress involvement comprises refrain logic to refrain from performing card holder verification.

45. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 41, wherein the check logic to check the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises compare logic to compare a card identifier stored on the card with one or more card identifiers stored in the device.

46. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 41, wherein the check logic to check the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises compare logic to compare an identifier of the device with one or more device identifiers stored on the card.

47. (Canceled)